

MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
October 27, 2021

Meeting conducted via Zoom video conferencing. Handouts were emailed October 25 to include: (1) Agenda; (2) Minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting and (3) WRATS Project Status Report.

Ms. Jessica Bird called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. and ran through a few housekeeping items.

ATTENDEES

Jessica Bird
Greg Boike
David Hale

Tim Andrews
Kaniz Sathi
Ken Robinson

Tiffany Bibb
Joel Davenport
Bill Mulkey

Chad McMurrian
Harland Smith

A motion was made by Mr. Greg Boike and seconded by Mr. Tim Andrews to approve the July 28, 2021 minutes as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety discussion

Ms. Jessica Bird used a PowerPoint presentation to share information and encourage discussion on bicycle and pedestrian safety. She described aspects of the WRATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan, state bike routes, and pedestrian facilities within the MPO. Ms. Bird explained that the City of Warner Robins uses a matrix with weighted criteria to evaluate sidewalk requests. She asked if other jurisdictions have their own methodology, process, or tool.

Mr. Greg Boike with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission shared that he has been involved with Macon-Bibb County's Pedestrian Safety Review Committee. Mr. Boike explained that this committee organized by the County Engineering staff has a task force to investigate pedestrian fatality locations in the area. He said the task force makes recommendations pertaining to pedestrian facilities and infrastructure improvements.

Ms. Bird continued her presentation by providing information on bicycle and pedestrian education, GDOT best practices for stranded motorists on the interstate, and HERO and CHAMP support through 511. She wrapped up with tables and location maps showing bicycle and pedestrian crashes, injuries, and fatalities from 2016 through 2020 in Houston and Peach Counties.

WRATS Project Status Report

Mr. Harland Smith, GDOT District 3 Planning and Programming Coordinator, provided a project report with project manager comments to the committee members and briefly reported on some of the projects.

Mr. Ken Robinson, Traffic Engineer for Houston County, asked Mr. Smith if public information hearings were held for the following projects.

- SR 7/SR 127 @ Big Indian Creek in Perry
- SR 7 @ Flat Creek, 3.5 miles SW of Perry
- SR 247 Conn @ Houser's Mill

Mr. Robinson stated that Houston County and the municipalities submitted comments to GDOT but have not heard anything back. Mr. Smith said he would check with the project manager and send something out.

Ms. Jessica Bird announced the next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2022. She said she is looking for a venue with plenty of space to allow the committee to meet in person.

There being no further business, Mr. Tim Andrews made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kaniz Sathi seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.